

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 9-11, and 21-23, without prejudice, amend claims 4, 8, 12-15, 18-20, 24-27, and 30-33, and add new claims 34-44 as follows:

1-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) A method of measuring non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium comprising the steps of:

measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals of the reference signals magnetically recorded in a medium;

measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals for each of the plural kinds of to-be-measured signals magnetically recorded in said medium; and

calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in the magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and from said second predetermined harmonic component corresponding to each of the to-be-measured signals,

wherein said harmonic component of said first and second predetermined harmonic components is a fifth harmonic component,

A measuring method according to claim 3 above, wherein said reference signals are the ones obtained by cyclically and serially shifting, from an optional bit, the data

of a bit-string pattern for magnetically recording the data into said medium by once effecting the magnetization and demagnetization for the same period of time, respectively; and wherein

said plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns include:

a first pattern of bit strings each including a tribit in which the magnetic inversion occurs continuously for three bits in each period of said magnetization and demagnetization;

a second pattern of bit strings each including 2T in which the magnetic inversion occurs after an interval of two bits in each period of said magnetization and demagnetization; and

a third pattern of bit strings including a bit constitution HTS in which the magnetic inversion occurs in a manner that the magnetization occurs in a direction opposite to the direction of magnetization of the record in the medium.

5. (Original) A measuring method according to claim 4 above, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said first pattern is a 30-bit string of 111000110100100 111000110000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 21st bits and at the 22nd bit.

6. (Original) A measuring method according to claim 4 above, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 1000000000000000 1000000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said second pattern is a 30-bit string of 101000001000000 101000001000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 8th, 15th and 17th bits and at the 23rd bit.

7. (Original) A measuring method according to claim 4 above, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 1000000000000000 1000000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said third pattern is a 30-bit string of 101010101000101 0101010000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th bits and at the 20th bit.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of measuring non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium comprising the steps of:
measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the
reproduced signals of the reference signals magnetically recorded in a medium;
measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the
reproduced signals for each of the plural kinds of to-be-measured signals magnetically
recorded in said medium; and

calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in the magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and from said second predetermined harmonic component corresponding to each of the to-be-measured signals~~A measuring method according to any one of claims 2 to 7,~~

wherein said NLTS is measured within an error range of 5%.

9-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction which generates reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measures a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generates to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, and measures a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, wherein there is incorporated a circuit for generating a bit-string pattern in common with said plural kinds of bit-string patterns and plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns forming said to-be-measured signals~~An LSI according to claim 9 or 11 above,~~ wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said first pattern is a 30-bit string of 111000110100100

111000110000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 21st bits and at the 22nd bit.

13. (Currently Amended) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction which generates reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measures a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generates to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, and measures a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, wherein there is incorporated a circuit for generating a bit-string pattern in common with said plural kinds of bit-string patterns and plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns forming said to-be-measured signals~~An LSI according to claim 9 or 11 above~~, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 1000000000000000 1000000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said second pattern is a 30-bit string of 101000001000000 101000001000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 8th, 15th and 17th bits and at the 23rd bit.

14. (Currently Amended) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction which generates reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measures a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generates to-

be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, and measures a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, wherein there is incorporated a circuit for generating a bit-string pattern in common with said plural kinds of bit-string patterns and plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns forming said to-be-measured signals An LSI according to ~~claim 9 or 11~~ above, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 1000000000000000 1000000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said third pattern is a 30-bit string of 101010101000101010101000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th bits and at the 20th bit.

15. (Currently Amended) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction according to claim 9~~12~~ above, wherein said LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a circuit for measuring the fifth harmonic component from the reproduced signals of the data read from said medium in which the data have been stored using said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals.

16. (Original) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction according to claim 15 above, wherein said LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a circuit for calculating a ratio V_{ab} ($= V_{5pat}/V_{5ref}$) of a second fifth harmonic component V_{5pat} which

is a reproduced signal of the data read from said medium in which the data have been recorded using said to-be-measured signals to a first fifth harmonic component V_{5ref} which is a reproduced signal of the data from said medium in which the data have been recorded by using said reference signals.

17. (Original) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction according to claim 16 above, wherein said LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a circuit for calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in the magnetic recording/reproduction based upon said ratio V_{ab} ($= V_{5pat}/V_{5ref}$) calculated from said first fifth harmonic component V_{5ref} and said second fifth harmonic component V_{5pat} .

18. (Currently Amended) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction according to any one of claims ~~10~~, 15, 16 or 17-~~(above)~~, wherein said circuit for measuring the fifth harmonic component includes a high-speed Fourier transform circuit.

19. (Currently Amended) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction according to any one of claims 9, ~~10~~, ~~11~~12, 15, 16, 17 or ~~17~~39, wherein said LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a circuit for adjusting a write compensation circuit based upon said fifth harmonic component.

20. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction mounting an LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction of any one of claims ~~9, 10, 11~~12, 15, 16, 17 or 1739.

21-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction for measuring the non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium by generating reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generating to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, and calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in said magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and said second predetermined harmonic component, wherein there are provided means for selecting data of a bit-string pattern from the data of a bit-string pattern in common with said plural kinds of bit-string patterns and of plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns forming said to-be-measured signals, and means for generating said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals by cyclically and serially shifting the data of said selected bit-string pattern starting from any bit~~A device according to claim 21 or 23 above~~, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals

repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said first pattern is a 30-bit string of 111000110100100 111000110000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 21st bits and at the 22nd bit.

25. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction for measuring the non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium by generating reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generating to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, and calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in said magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and said second predetermined harmonic component, wherein there are provided means for selecting data of a bit-string pattern from the data of a bit-string pattern in common with said plural kinds of bit-string patterns and of plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns forming said to-be-measured signals, and means for generating said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals by cyclically and serially shifting the data of said selected bit-string pattern starting from any bit~~A device according to claim 21 or 23 above~~, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the

magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said second pattern is a 30-bit string of 101000001000000 101000001000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 8th, 15th and 17th bits and at the 23rd bit.

26. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction for measuring the non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium by generating reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generating to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, and calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in said magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and said second predetermined harmonic component, wherein there are provided means for selecting data of a bit-string pattern from the data of a bit-string pattern in common with said plural kinds of bit-string patterns and of plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns forming said to-be-measured signals, and means for generating said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals by cyclically and serially shifting the data of said selected bit-string pattern starting from any bit~~A device according to claim 21 or 23 above~~, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said third pattern is a 30-bit

string of 101010101000101 0101010000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th bits and at the 20th bit.

27. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction according to claim ~~21~~24 above, wherein said LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a circuit for measuring the fifth harmonic component from the reproduced signals of the data read from said medium in which the data have been stored using said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals.

28. (Original) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction according to claim 27 above, wherein said LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a circuit for calculating a ratio V_{ab} ($= V_{5pat}/V_{5ref}$) of a second fifth harmonic component V_{5pat} which is a reproduced signal of the data read from said medium in which the data have been recorded using said to-be-measured signals to a first fifth harmonic component V_{5ref} which is a reproduced signal of the data from said medium in which the data have been recorded by using said reference signals.

29. (Original) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction according to claim 27 above, wherein said LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a circuit for calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in the magnetic recording/reproduction based

upon said ratio V_{ab} ($= V_{5pat}/V_{5ref}$) calculated from said first fifth harmonic component V_{5ref} and said second fifth harmonic component V_{5pat} .

30. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction according to any one of claims ~~22~~, 27, 28 and ~~29~~~~above~~, wherein said means for measuring the fifth harmonic component includes a Fast Fourier Transform unit.

31. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction according to any one of claims ~~21~~, ~~22~~, ~~23~~24, 27, 28, 29, or 2942, wherein said device for magnetic recording/reproduction includes means for adjusting a write compensation circuit based upon said fifth harmonic component.

32. (Currently Amended). A device for magnetic recording/reproduction according to any one of claims ~~21~~, ~~22~~, ~~23~~24, 27, 28, 29, or 2942, wherein said device for magnetic recording/reproduction includes a magnetic reluctance-type head for detecting said reproduced signals.

33. (Currently Amended) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction according to any one of claims ~~21~~, ~~22~~, ~~23~~24, 27, 28, 29, or 2942, wherein said NLTS is measured within an error range of 5%.

34. (New) A measuring method according to claim 8 above, wherein said harmonic component of said first and second harmonic components is a fifth harmonic component.

35. (New) A measuring method according to claim 34 above, wherein said reference signals are the ones obtained by cyclically and serially shifting, from an optional bit, the data of a bit-string pattern for magnetically recording the data into said medium by once effecting the magnetization and demagnetization for the same period of time, respectively; and wherein

said plural kinds of predetermined bit-string patterns include:

a first pattern of bit strings each including a tribit in which the magnetic inversion occurs continuously for three bits in each period of said magnetization and demagnetization;

a second pattern of bit strings each including 2T in which the magnetic inversion occurs after an interval of two bits in each period of said magnetization and demagnetization; and

a third pattern of bit strings including a bit constitution HTS in which the magnetic inversion occurs in a manner that the magnetization occurs in a direction opposite to the direction of magnetization of the record in the medium.

36. (New) A measuring method according to claim 35 above, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said first pattern is a 30-bit string of 111000110100100 111000110000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 21st bits and at the 22nd bit.

37. (New) A measuring method according to claim 35 above, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said second pattern is a 30-bit string of 101000001000000 101000001000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 8th, 15th and 17th bits and at the 23rd bit.

38. (New) A measuring method according to claim 35 above, wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said third pattern is a 30-bit string of 101010101000101 010101000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th bits and at the 20th bit.

39. (New) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction which generates reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measures a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generates to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, and measures a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, wherein there are incorporated a circuit for generating a bit-string pattern forming said reference signals and a predetermined bit-string pattern forming said to-be-measured signals, and a circuit for measuring a predetermined harmonic component from said reference signals recorded in said medium and from the reproduced signals said to-be-measured signals,

wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said first pattern is a 30-bit string of 111000110100100 111000110000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 21st bits and at the 22nd bit.

40. (New) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction which generates reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measures a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generates to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said

medium, and measures a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, wherein there are incorporated a circuit for generating a bit-string pattern forming said reference signals and a predetermined bit-string pattern forming said to-be-measured signals; and a circuit for measuring a predetermined harmonic component from said reference signals recorded in said medium and from the reproduced signals said to-be-measured signals,

 wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said second pattern is a 30-bit string of 101000001000000 101000001000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 8th, 15th and 17th bits and at the 23rd bit.

41. (New) An LSI for magnetic recording/reproduction which generates reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measures a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generates to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, and measures a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, wherein there are incorporated a circuit for generating a bit-string pattern forming said reference signals and a predetermined bit-string pattern forming said to-be-measured signals, and a circuit for measuring a predetermined harmonic component from

said reference signals recorded in said medium and from the reproduced signals said to-be-measured signals

wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said third pattern is a 30-bit string of 101010101000101 010101000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th bits and at the 20th bit.

42. (New) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction for measuring the non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium by generating reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generating to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, and calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in said magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and said second predetermined harmonic component, wherein there are provided means for generating said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals by selecting data of a bit-string pattern from the data of the bit-string pattern forming said reference signals and of a predetermined bit-string pattern forming said to-be-measured signals, and cyclically and serially shifting the

data of said selected bit-string pattern starting from any bit, and means for measuring a predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals of the data read from said medium in which the data have been recorded by using said reference signals and said to-be-measured signals recorded in said medium, and

wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said first pattern is a 30-bit string of 111000110100100 111000110000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th, 12th, 15th, 17th and 21st bits and at the 22nd bit.

43. (New) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction for measuring the non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium by generating reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generating to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, and calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in said magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and said second predetermined harmonic component, wherein there are provided means for generating said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals by selecting data of a bit-string pattern from

the data of the bit-string pattern forming said reference signals and of a predetermined bit-string pattern forming said to-be-measured signals, and cyclically and serially shifting the data of said selected bit-string pattern starting from any bit, and means for measuring a predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals of the data read from said medium in which the data have been recorded by using said reference signals and said to-be-measured signals recorded in said medium, and

wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said second pattern is a 30-bit string of 101000001000000 101000001000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 8th, 15th and 17th bits and at the 23rd bit.

44. (New) A device for magnetic recording/reproduction for measuring the non-linearity in the magnetic recording/reproduction of a medium by generating reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into a medium, measuring a first predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, generating to-be-measured signals corresponding to said reference signals that are to be magnetically recorded into said medium, measuring a second predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals thereof, and calculating a non-linear transition shift NLTS in said magnetic recording/reproduction from said first predetermined harmonic component and said second

predetermined harmonic component, wherein there are provided means for generating said reference signals or said to-be-measured signals by selecting data of a bit-string pattern from the data of the bit-string pattern forming said reference signals and of a predetermined bit-string pattern forming said to-be-measured signals, and cyclically and serially shifting the data of said selected bit-string pattern starting from any bit, and means for measuring a predetermined harmonic component from the reproduced signals of the data read from said medium in which the data have been recorded by using said reference signals and said to-be-measured signals recorded in said medium, and

wherein, when a bit that undergoes the magnetic inversion is denoted by 1, said reference signals are those signals repeating a pattern of a 30-bit string of 100000000000000 100000000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th bit and at the 15th bit, and said third pattern is a 30-bit string of 101010101000101 010101000000000 in which the magnetic inversion occurs at the 0th, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th bits and at the 20th bit.